

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**"NOTICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES AND
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MAUNA KEA FOREST RESERVE
AND KAOHE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA**

Legal Notice DOFAW

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Department of Land and Natural Resources will conduct animal control activities, specifically trapping mouflon/feral sheep hybrids, staff hunting, and/or aerial shooting from helicopters within Palila Critical Habitat in the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve (Unit A) and Kaohe Game Management Area (Unit G) on the island of Hawaii for feral goats, feral sheep, mouflon and mouflon/feral sheep hybrids.

Control schedules are as follows: April 22-25, 2013. Public access to Mauna Kea Forest Reserve, Kaohe Game Management Area and Mauna Kea Hunter Access Road will be restricted, and allowed BY PERMIT ONLY for animal salvage purposes, pursuant to HAR §13-130-19 and §13-104-23(a)(3), from 7:00 a.m. April 22, 2013 until 7:00 p.m. April 25, 2013. The Mauna Kea Observatory Road will remain open.

Aerial shooting is required for compliance with the Federal Court Order mandating the removal of sheep and goats from Palila Critical Habitat. The temporary closure is needed to minimize the dangers of incompatible uses in the forest area and safely conduct animal control activities. To implement the closure, both the Hale Pohaku and Kilohana gated entrances to Unit A and G will be locked at 7:00 p.m. April 21, 2013 and reopen 7:00 p.m. April 25, 2013. Copies of the map illustrating the area subject to aerial shooting on these dates are available for inspection at the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office.

Due to high public participation, telephone call-ins to the Kamuela Office at (808) 887-6063 for receiving salvage permits will be conducted from 9 a.m., April 16, 2013, through 10 a.m., April 18, 2013. One permit will be issued per call per vehicle for one day only. Caller must be driver of the permitted vehicle. A standby list will be created for each shoot day that has reached maximum capacity. This is to replace permittees that dropout until 10 a.m. April 18, 2013. No standbys waiting at the gates will be allowed in. The driver, occupants, vehicle license plate, and make/model of vehicle are needed when calling in. A maximum of 15 permitted vehicles will be allowed at the Puu Koohee location and 10 permitted vehicles at the Kaluamakani location.

Carcasses taken during the shoot will be available to the permitted public for salvage at the following locations (4-wheel drive vehicle required and access permits will be issued).

- 1) On April 22 and 24, 2013 at Puu Koohee. Permittees must meet at Mauna Kea State Park at 7:00 a.m. sharp.
- 2) On April 23 and 25, 2013 at Kaluamakani. Permittees must meet across from the Waimea Veterinary office on Mana Road 6:00 a.m. sharp.

Contact the Division of Forestry and Wildlife in Hilo at (808) 974-4221 or in Kamuela at (808) 887-6063 for additional details regarding meat salvage or access permits.

Done at Honolulu this 2 day of April, 2013.

**William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources**

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